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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The seat as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than the predetermined reference value.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

--4. The seat as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than the predetermined reference value.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claim 4 is added to compensate for the material deleted from claim 3. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attached: Appendix
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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claim 4 is added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

3. (Amended) The seat as set forth in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than the predetermined reference value.